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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m., this day, in Room 306, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Roy Bailey, Peter Goldring, Art Hanger, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Researcher Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

Bob Wood moved, - That David Pratt do take the Chair of the Committee as Chairman.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, David Pratt was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and invited to take the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to elect the Vice-Chairs.

John O'Reilly moved, - That David Price be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Mr. Price was declared Vice-Chair, Government side.

Roy Bailey moved, - That Peter Goldring be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Peter Goldring was declared Vice-Chair, Opposition side.

At 9:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of routine motions



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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 4:20 p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Art Hanger, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Leon Benoit for Roy Bailey, Stan Dromisky for Bob Wood, Ivan Grose for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of routine motions.

Judi Longfield moved, -- That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the two Parliamentary Secretaries and a member from the Bloc québécois, New Democratic Party and Progressive Conservative Party do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

Peter Goldring moved, -- That the motion be amended to include an additional member from the Canadian Alliance Party, Mr. Art Hanger.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

David Price moved, -- That the Committee retain the services of one or more research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

Leon Benoit moved, -- That the motion be amended to replace "Chair" by "Committee".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

Judi Longfield moved, -- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five (5) members are present, including two (2) members of the Opposition and that after fifteen (15) minutes the number be reduced to three (3) members including one (1) member of the Opposition.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Geoff Regan moved, -- That witnesses be given (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated in the First Round, seven (7) minutes each for Canadian Alliance, Bloc québécois, Liberals, New Democratic Party, Progressive Conservative Party; and in the Second Round, five (5) minutes for each Party in the same order.

Peter Goldring moved, -- That the motion be amended in order to have the following rotation: Canadian Alliance – 10 minutes; Liberal Party – 10 minutes; Canadian Alliance – 10 minutes; Bloc Québécois – 10 minutes; Liberal Party – 10 minutes; New Democratic Party – 5 minutes; Progressive Conservative Party – 5 minutes.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

John O'Reilly moved, -- That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to two (2) representatives per organization.

Leon Benoit moved, -- That the motion be amended by replacing "chair" with "Committee".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

David Price moved, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in Council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the Resume of each appointee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Janko Peric moved, -- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to circulate the documents received only when they exist in both official languages.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Janko Peric moved, -- That the Committee adopt a twenty-four (24) hours' notice period for motions, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee.

Leon Benoit moved, -- That the 24 hour time period be deleted.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment it was negated.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2001-2002—Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under National Defence

APPEARING:

Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

National Defence:

Robert M. Emond, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services;

Gary L. Garnett, Vice-Admiral, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff;

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.





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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Roy Bailey, Peter Goldring, Art Hanger, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for Janko Peric.

Other Member present: Leon Benoit.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of National Defence: The Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Vadm. Gary L. Garnett, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff; R.M. (Bob) Emond, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services; Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated Tuesday, February 27, 2001, the Committee proceeded to its study of the Main Estimates 2001-2002 -- Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under National Defence.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 15, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of its report on the Procurement Study

Future business





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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:40 p.m., this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Art Hanger, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its report on the Procurement Study.

Bryon Wilfert moved, -- That the Committee, having considered the Third Report of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs entitled "Procurement Study" which was tabled in the House on June 14, 2000, and having concurred in its findings, in accordance with provisions of Standing Order 109, requests that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this report; and, that the Chair be authorized to report this request to the House as the FIRST REPORT of the Committee.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday, March 1st, 2001, and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. -- That the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee on the Main Estimates 2001-2002.
2. -- That the Committee undertake a study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces and related issues such as quality of life (including depleted uranium).

On motion of Judi Longfield, the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

On motion by Judi Longfield, it was agreed, -- That the Committee agree to accept the invitation of the Department of National Defence to visit their headquarters on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, and that the

Clerk be authorized to obtain ground transportation at the Committee expense using the operations budget.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on depleted uranium

WITNESSES:

National Defence:

Ken Scott, Colonel, Director, Medical Policy.

Royal Military College of Canada:

Edward A. Ough, Research Associate, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.





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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Leon Benoit for Roy Bailey, Ivan Grose for Bryon Wilfert, Gilles Perron for Louis Plamondon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Col Ken Scott, Director, Medical Policy. *From the Royal Military College of Canada:* Dr. Edward A. Ough, Research Associate, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee convened for an information session on depleted uranium.

Leon Benoit sought the Committee's unanimous consent to hear Mrs. Paula Richmond with respect to his son's situation.

Unanimous consent was denied.

Elsie Wayne sought the Committee's unanimous consent to reopen the issue relating to Mrs. Paula Richmond's appearance before the Committee.

Unanimous consent was denied.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2001-2002 — Votes 1, 5 and 10 under Veterans Affairs

APPEARING:

Hon. Ronald Duhamel, Minister of Veteran Affairs

WITNESSES:

Veterans Affairs Canada:

Brian Chambers, Chair, Veterans Review and Appeal Board;

Larry Murray, Deputy Minister.





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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 4:10 p.m., this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer and Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Peter Adams for Bob Wood, Rodger Cuzner for Bryon Wilfert, Garry Breitreuz for Art Hanger.

Other Member present: Leon Benoit.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada: The Hon. Ronald J. Duhamel, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada: Larry Murray, Deputy Minister; Brian Chambers, Chair, Veterans Review and Appeal Board; Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Darragh Mogan, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated Tuesday, February 27, 2001, a study of the Main Estimates 2001-2002 -- Votes 1, 5 and 10 under Veterans Affairs.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

John O'Reilly moved, - That Paula Richmond be invited to appear before the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs within the next four weeks, to present the case of her son, Corporal Christian McEachern and to discuss her concerns regarding post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as it is affecting members of Canada's forces.

On motion of David Price, it was agreed, - That the motion be stood and referred to the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure for consideration.

Peter Stoffer moved, - That Colonel Handley from Canadian Forces Base, Greenwood be called to appear before the Committee to respond to comments made regarding the re-deployment of the Sea-King helicopters; and that Colonel Atkitt from Canadian Forces Base, Shearwater be called to appear

before the Committee to discuss the future role of Shearwater and the possible re-deployment of the Sea-King helicopters.

On motion of Judy Longfield, it was agreed, - That the motion be stood and referred to the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure for consideration.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Queen's University:

Douglas Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies.





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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Art Hanger, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert.

Other Member present: Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From Queen's University: Dr. Douglas Bland, Chair, Defence Management Studies Program, School of Policy Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, April 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Peter Kasurak, Principal, Audit Operations Branch;

David Rattray, Assistant Auditor General.





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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, April 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Auditor General of Canada: David Rattray, Assistant Auditor General; Peter Kasurak, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:10 p.m., Peter Goldring took the Chair.

At 4:50 p.m., David Price took the Chair.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Roy Bailey, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, David Pratt, David Price, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Other Member present: Leon Benoit.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to retain the professional services of Mr. Barrie Hamilton, as a consultant for the Committee, for the period of May 1st, 2001, to March 31, 2002, at a cost of \$535. per day, for plus or minus 75 days, for a total amount of \$40,000.

It was agreed, - That the proposed budget in the amount of \$83,800. be adopted by the Committee for its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

On a recorded division, it was agreed, - That, in relation to its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces, the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Washington, Norfolk and New York, from June 12 to 21, 2001, and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee; and that the proposed budget in the amount of \$170,601. be adopted for the Committee's travel to Washington, Norfolk and New York in relation to its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

At 4:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, April 26, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Conference of Defence Associations:

Charles H. Belzile, Lieutenant-General, (Retired), Chairman;

Sean Henry, Colonel, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst;

Alain Pellerin, Colonel, (Retired), Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, April 26, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Art Hanger, Ivan Grose for Janko Peric.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Conference of Defence Associations: Lt-Gen Charles H. Belzile, (Retired), Chairman; Col Alain Pellerin, (Retired), Executive Director; Col Sean Henry, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerkof the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, May 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Maurice Baril, General and Chief of the Defence Staff;

J.J.L.M. Dessureault, Chief Warrant Officer;

Daniel G. McNeil, Commodore and Director, Force Planning and Program Coordination;

W.J. Natynczyk, Colonel and Chief of Staff J3 International.





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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, May 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, John O'Reilly, Janko Peri, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Leon Benoit for Art Hanger, Ivan Grose for Bryon Wilfert, Paul Szabo for Judi Longfield.

Associate Member present: Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Gen Maurice Baril, Chief of the Defence Staff; Cmdre Daniel G. McNeil, Director Force Planning and Program Coordination; Col W.J. Natynczyk, Chief of Staff J3 International; CWO J.J.L.M. Dessureault, Canadian Forces - Chief Warrant Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

General Maurice Baril made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Lewis MacKenzie.





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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Peter Goldring, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, Janko Perić, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Mark Eyking for David Price.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: As Individual: Major General Lewis MacKenzie.

The Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Major General MacKenzie made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, May 10, 2001

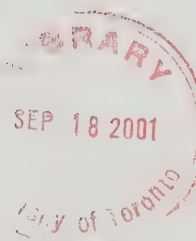
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Roméo Dallaire, Lieutenant-General (Retired).





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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, May 10, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Peter Goldring, Janko Peri, David Pratt, Geoff Regan, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: Ivan Grose for Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: As Individual: Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire, Retired.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General Dallaire made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Richard Bastien, Major-General and Assistant Chief of Air Staff;

Lloyd C. Campbell, Lieutenant-General and Chief of the Air Staff;

Angus Watt, Colonel and Director, Air Review and Corporate Services.





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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, David Price, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Peter Goldring, John O'Reilly, Janko Peri, David Pratt, David Price, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Rob Anders for Roy Bailey.

Attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lt-Gen Lloyd C. Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff; MGen. Richard Bastien, Assistant Chief of Air Staff; Col Angus Watt, Director, Air Review and Corporate Services; WO Gilles Guilbault, Air Command Chief Warrant Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General Lloyd C. Campbell made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Chair, David Pratt, took the Chair.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 17, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

M.K. Jefferey, Lieutenant-General, Chief of the Land Staff.





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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 17, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Roy Bailey, Jean-Guy Carignan for David Price.

Other Member present: Pat O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lt-Gen M.K. Jeffery, Chief of the Land Staff; Col Stephen Appleton, Director, Land Force Readiness; CWO Marius Dumont, Land Force Command, Chief Warrant Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General Jeffery made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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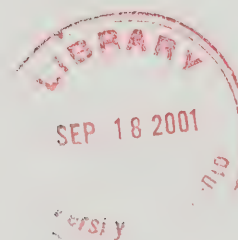
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

National Defence:

Margaret Purdy, Associate Deputy Minister.





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The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 4:00 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Peter Goldring, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Bailey, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Associate Member present: Rob Anders.

Other Member present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Margaret Purdy, Associate Deputy Minister; James Harlick, Official in charge of the Office of Critical Infrastructure, Protection and Emergency Preparedness.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Thursday, May 31, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

National Defence:

J.J. Gauvin, Commodore, Director General, Maritime Personnel and Readiness;

G.R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral, Chief of the Maritime Staff.





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Thursday, May 31, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Peter Goldring, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roy Bailey, Peter Goldring, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for Judi Longfield.

Other Member present: Stéphane Bergeron.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Vadm. G.R. Maddison, Chief of the Maritime Staff; Cmdre J. J. Gauvin, Director General, Maritime Personnel and Readiness; R. Lupien, Command Chief Petty Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Vice-Admiral Gref Maddison made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:46 p.m., John O'Reilly took the Chair.

At 3:52 p.m., Peter Goldring took the Chair.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

National Defence:

Larry Lashkevich, Brigadier General and Director General, Logistics, J4, Materiel;

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.





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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel; BGen Larry Lashkevich, Director General, Logistics, J4, Material.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Mr. Williams made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, June 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Uranium Medical Research Centre:

Mary Ripley-Guzman, President of the Board of Directors.

As Individual:

Susan H. Riordon.





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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, Anko Peri, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Other Member present: Gilles-A Perron.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Assistants.

Witnesses: As Individual: Susan H. Riordon. *From the Uranium Medical Research Center:* Mary Ripley-Guzman, President of the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 20

Monday, June 11, 2001

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Meeting No. 20

Monday, June 11, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Peter Goldring, Judi Longfield, John O'Reilly, Janko Peri, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Geoff Regan, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Rob Anders for Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers. Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 81 (7) and (8), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on the plans and priorities of the Estimates 2001-2002 of the Department of National Defence.

It was agreed, - That the Report, as amended, be approved by the Committee and that the Chair be allowed to table it in the House as the Second Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, - That, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, when presenting the Report in the House, will mention that next year the Committee will comment on the plans and priorities of both National Defence and Veterans Affairs Departments.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the new rules concerning the videotaping and broadcasting of committee meetings.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to the 19th Report of the Procedure and House Affairs Committee, when a member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery wishes to video record a Committee meeting, the Clerk of the Committee be provided, in all circumstances prior to the meeting, with a 48 hours notice.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Gary Pilliteri for Carmen Provenzano, Carol Skelton for Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

Bob Wood moved, seconded by Leon Benoit, - That David Pratt do take the Chair of the Committee as Chairman.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, David Pratt was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and invited to take the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chairs.

Rob Anders moved, - That Leon Benoit be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Leon Benoit was declared Vice-Chair, Opposition side.

Stan Dromisky moved, - That David Price be elected Vice-Chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

David Price was declared Vice-Chair, Government side.

David Price moved, - That the Committee report by the end of November on the issue of counter-terrorism and that the report be an interim report to the Committee's overall study on operational

readiness.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

The Chair presented the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

After debate, it was agreed, - That the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

At 9:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, October 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

APPEARING:

Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

G.R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.





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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, October 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Cheryl Galant for Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Assistants, Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Appearing: From the Department of National Defence: The Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence, Minister responsible for Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC).

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Vadm. G.R. Maddison, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The Minister made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Raymond R. Henault, General (CMM, CD) and Chief of the Defence Staff;

George E.C. Macdonald, Lieutenant General and Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff;

Gregory R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral and Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.



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eting No. 23

uesday, October 16, 2001

Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this
in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan
omisky, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne,
on Wilfert, Bob Wood.

ing Member present: Cheryl Gallant for Roy Bailey.

attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel
ssignol, Research Assistants.

tnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Gen. Raymond R. Henault, CMM, CD, Chief of the
fence Staff; Lt-Gen. George E.C. Macdonald, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff; Vadm. G.R. Maddison, Deputy
ief of the Defence Staff.

rsuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resumed its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian
rces.

neral Henault made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

5:33 p.m., the Committee proceeded *in camera* to consider its future business.

5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, October 18, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

James Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and
Emergency Preparedness;

Margaret Purdy, Associate Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and
Emergency Preparedness.



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Meeting No. 24

Thursday, October 18, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Gagnon, Research Assistants.

Guests: From the Department of National Defence: Margaret Purdy, Associate Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness; James Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Purdy made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Anthony Forster.



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Meeting No. 25

Monday, October 23, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert.

Guest Members present: Jean-Guy Carignan for Janko Perić; Cheryl Gallant for Leon Benoit.

Attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Assistants.

Guest: As Individual: Anthony Forster, Independent Research Intelligence Analyst.

The Chair presented the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Sub-Committee met on Monday, October 22, 2001, to consider the Committee's future business with respect to its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces and agreed to make the following recommendations:

-That the Committee issue a press release to invite submissions on matters relating to the Canadian defence policy and counter-terrorism and on the consequences of the events of September 11th.

-That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), given the events of September 11, 2001, the resulting increased workload upon the main Committee and the intense focus on defence issues in the foreseeable future, a Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be established to inquire into matters relating to Veterans Affairs; that the Sub-Committee be composed of nine (9) members or associate members of which five (5) shall be government members and four (4) shall be opposition members with all parties represented; and that the Sub-Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to receive evidence, to sit no more than once a week, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee, during a time when the main Committee is not sitting.

-That, when necessary, the Committee hold an additional meeting on Monday's from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

-That the proposed fact finding mission to London on counter-terrorism be postponed to the end of January and that, at that time, the Committee include in its program briefing sessions with NATO representatives in Brussels and briefing sessions in Paris and/or Berlin.

On the motion of Claude Bachand, seconded by Peter Stoffer, the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, October 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

MacKenzie Institute:

John C. Thompson, Director.





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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, October 25, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Jean-Guy Carignan for David Price; Cheryl Gallant for Roy Bailey.

in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Assistants.

Witness: From the MacKenzie Institute: John C. Thompson, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 27

Monday, October 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

David Akman, Director, Legal Services;

Keith Coulter, Chief, Communications Security Establishment;

Simon Gauthier, Deputy Chief, Information Technology Security;

Barbara Gibbons, Director General, Corporate Services.



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Meeting No. 27

Monday, October 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, John Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Assistant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Keith Coulter, Chief, Communications Security Establishment; David Akman, Director, Legal Services; Barbara Gibbons, Director General, Corporate Services; Simon Gauthier, Deputy Chief, Information Technology Security.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Mr. Coulter made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

George E.C. Macdonald, Lieutenant-General, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff;

John Turner, Colonel, Director, Defence Analysis.



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Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, Ian O'Reilly, David Pratt, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Attending Member present: Bob Speller for David Price.

Other Member present: Paul Macklin.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lt-Gen George E.C. Macdonald, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff; Cmdre Daniel G. McNeil, Director - Force Planning and Program Coordination; Col John Turner, Director - Defence Analysis.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General Macdonald made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

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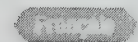
Motion tabled by Leon Benoit

WITNESS:

University of New Brunswick:

David A. Charters, Director, Centre for Conflict Studies.





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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Peter Stoffer.

Attending Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Janko Perić; Jean-Guy Carignan for David Price; Larry Bagnell for Armen Provenzano; Diane St-Jacques for Bryon Wilfert; Pat O'Brien for Bob Wood.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Assistant.

Guests: From the University of New Brunswick: Dr. David A. Charters, Department of Conflict Studies.

The Committee considered a motion tabled by Leon Benoit on Wednesday, October 31, 2001.

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Committee report to the House that the government response to the Committee's unanimous report on Defence Procurement was inadequate and that the Committee instruct the government to prepare a second, complete response.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived to on the following recorded division:

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Larry Bagnell

Colleen Beaumier

Jean-Guy Carignan

Rodger Cuzner

Stan Dromisky

Pat O'Brien

John O'Reilly

Diane St-Jacques: --8

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Rob Anders

Claude Bachand

Leon Benoit

Cheryl Gallant

Peter Stoffer: --5

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

Cheryl Gallant sought the Committee's unanimous consent to have a document entitled *Fostering Human Security: A Joint Canada-U.S. Brigade* (David Pratt, October 2000) tabled in the House.

Unanimous consent was denied.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Monday, November 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

Canadian Defence Industries Association:

Patrick O'Donnell, Lieutenant-General (Retired), President;
David Stapley, Executive Vice-President.

Conference of Defence Associations:

Charles H. Belzile, Lieutenant-General (Retired), Chairman;
Sean Henry, Colonel (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst;
Alain Pellerin, Colonel (Retired), Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 30

Monday, November 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Witnesses: From the Conference of Defence Associations: Lt-Gen Charles H. Belzile, (Retired), Chairman; Col Alain Pellerin, (Retired), Executive Director; Col Sean Henry, (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst. *From the Canadian Defence Industries Association:* Lt-Gen Patrick O'Donnell, (Retired), President; David Stapley, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General (Retired) Belzile made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Lieutenant-General (Retired) O'Donnell made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Monday, November 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 19:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, -- That the Draft Interim Report (as amended) be concurred in as the Third Report of the Committee and that the Chair be authorized to present it to the House at the earliest possibility.

It was agreed, -- That, notwithstanding Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report within ninety (90) days.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report to the House.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to issue a press release and to hold a press conference.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee authorize the printing of dissenting opinions as an appendix to this report, immediately following the signature of the Chair.

It was agreed, -- That any dissenting opinions be limited to not more than (5) pages.

It was agreed, -- That any dissenting opinions be received by the Clerk, in both official languages, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, November 6, 2001.

At 10:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston for
Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

G.R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff;

Doug Palmer, Major, Project Director, Clothe the Soldier;

Patricia Samson, Brigadier-General, Director General, Intelligence.





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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Major Doug Palmer, Project Director, Clothe the Soldier; Vadm. G.R. Maddison, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff; Cmdre J.Y.J.C. Forcier, Chief of Staff J3 / Director General, Military Plans and Operations; Patricia Samson, Director General, Intelligence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Major Doug Palmer made an opening statement and answered questions.

Vadm. G.R. Maddison made an opening statement, and with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee proceeded *in camera* for the discussion of its interim report.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston for Diane Deschamps

Committee Clerk

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, November 8, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Scott Cameron, Colonel; Surgeon General;

Christian Couture, Lieutenant General; Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources,
Military;

Terry Hearn, Brigadier General; Director General, Military Human Resource Policy and
Planning.

International Association of Fire Fighters:

Sean P. McManus, Assistant to the General President for Canadian Operations.





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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, November 8, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert, Bob Wood.

Acting Member(s) present: Andy Savoy for David Price.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the National Defence: Lt-Gen Christian Couture, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources Military; Terry Hearn, Director General, Military Human Resource Policy and Planning; Col Scott Cameron, Surgeon General. *From the International Association of Fire Fighters:* Sean P. McManus, Assistant to the General President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lt-Gen. Christian Couture made an opening statement, and with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Sean McManus made an opening statement and answered questions

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston for Diane Deschamps

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

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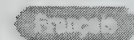
Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Dalhousie University:

Denis Stairs, Professor, Department of Political Science.





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Meeting No. 34

Monday, November 19, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky (4:35 p.m.), Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Bernard Patry for Stan Dromisky; Julian Reed for Colleen Beaumier; Shawn Murphy for Carmen Provenzano; John Richardson for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Assistants.

Witness: From the Dalhousie University: Professor Denis Stairs, Department of Political Science.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

At 4:30 p.m., David Price took the Chair.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies:

David Rudd, Executive director.



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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Assistants; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witness: From the Canadian Institute for Strategic Studies: David Rudd, Executive Director.

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Committee hold meetings to consider and report on the Supplementary Estimates (A) for 2001-2002 for the Department of National Defence;

That the Committee invite the Minister and senior officials to appear before the Committee on the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2001-2002 as soon as possible but no later than December 1, 2001; and,

That the Committee consider and report recommendations on the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2001-2002 no later than three sitting days prior to the final allotted day in the current Supply period.

John O'Reilly moved, - That the motion be stood and referred to the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure for consideration.

The question being put on John O'Reilly's motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Colleen Beaumier

Stan Dromisky

John O'Reilly

Janko Perić

David Price

Carmen Provenzano

Elsie Wayne

Bob Wood: --8

NAYS

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: --2

Leon Benoit moved, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 108, this Committee start work on developing a new White Paper on National Defence to be completed by December 31, 2002.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived to on the following recorded division:

NAYS

Colleen Beaumier

Stan Dromisky

John O'Reilly

Janko Perić

David Price

Carmen Provenzano

Elsie Wayne

Bob Wood: --8

YEAS

Rob Anders

Leon Benoit: --2

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, November 22, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Presentation by the Chair of the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure
Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Council for Canadian Security in the 21st Century:

Jack L. Granatstein, Professor, Co-Chair.

University of Calgary:

David J. Bercuson, Professor, Director, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.





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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, November 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Bernard Bigras for Claude Bachand.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Gossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Council for Canadian Security in the 21st Century: Professor Jack Granatstein, Co-Chairman. From the University of Calgary: Professor David Bercuson, Director, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Our Sub-Committee met on Wednesday, November 21, 2001, to consider the Committee's future business with respect to its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian forces and agreed to make the following recommendation:

That, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, when witnesses appear before the Committee, substantive motions, for which a 24 hours' notice has to be given to the members of the Committee, be considered at the end of the meeting and that, if a vote is called, it be deferred to the beginning of the next Committee meeting.

On motion of John O'Reilly, seconded by Elsie Wayne, the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure was concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Atlantic Council of Canada:

Brian S. MacDonald, Retired Colonel and President.





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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 4:01 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, David Price, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, Louis Plamondon, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Other member present: Bill Casey.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Atlantic Council of Canada: Colonel (Retired) Brian S. MacDonald, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, December 6, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on Part 10 (National Defence Act) of Bill C-42, Public Safety Act

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Jean Boisjoli, Counsel, Office of the Legal Advisor of the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces;

Allan Fenske, Colonel and Deputy Judge Advocate General/Human Resources, Office of the Judge Advocate General;

Dominic McAlea, Colonel and Deputy Legal Adviser (Military), National Defence and Canadian Forces.





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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, December 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer and Bryon Wilfert.

Attending Members present: Claude Duplain for Bob Wood; Yolande Thibeault for Stan Dromisky; Roy Cullen for Anko Perić and Diane St-Jacques for Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Gossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Colonel Dominic McAlea, Deputy Legal Advisor (Military), National Defence and Canadian Forces Legal Advisor; Colonel Allan Fenske, Deputy Judge Advocate General / Human Resources, Office of the Judge Advocate General; Jean Boisjoli, Senior Counsel, National Defence and Canadian Forces Legal Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee convened for a briefing session on Part 10 (National Defence Act) of Bill C-42, Public Safety Act.

Colonel McAlea made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee considered its future business.

On motion of David Price, it was agreed, - That, in relation to its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces, the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Brussels (Belgium), Bonn (Germany), Paris (France), London (England), from February 18 to March 2, 2002, for a fact-finding mission on counter-terrorism; that the necessary staff accompany the Committee; and that the proposed budget in the amount of \$208,332 be adopted for the Committee's travel.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bill Graham, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, January 17, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on matters relating to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the participation of Canadian Forces in the international military coalition against terrorism

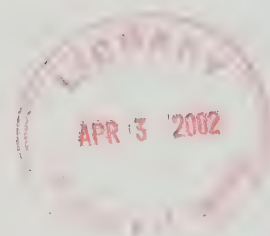
APPEARING:

Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Raymond R. Henault, General, Chief of the Defence Staff.





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Meeting No. 39

Thursday, January 17, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised joint session with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at 10:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, David Pratt, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, and John Harvard presiding.

Members of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price and Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: Alexa McDonough for Peter Stoffer.

Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present: Bill Casey, John Harvard, Marlene Jennings and Bernard Patry.

Acting Member present: John Godfrey for Jean Augustine.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol and James Lee, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of National Defence: The Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: General Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff.

The Order of the House of October 15, 2001, being read as follows:

That this House reaffirm its condemnation of the terrorist attacks against our NATO ally, the United States of America, on September 11, 2001, and affirm its support for Canada's courageous men and women in the Canadian Forces who are responding to defend freedom and democracy in the international military coalition against terrorism; and,

That this House hereby order the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs to sit frequently, including joint meetings with ministers and officials of the Government and the military.

Pursuant to the Order of the House, the Committee commenced joint consideration with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of matters relating to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the participation of Canadian Forces in the international military coalition against terrorism.

The Minister made an opening statement and with the witness answered questions.

At 11:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chairs.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bill Graham, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, January 17, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on matters relating to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the participation of Canadian Forces in the international military coalition against terrorism

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

John Holmes, Director, United Nations, Criminal and Treaty Law Division;
James R. Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global and Security Policy.





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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, January 17, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised joint session with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at 1:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, David Pratt, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, and John Harvard presiding.

Members of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt and Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: John Godfrey for David Price.

Other Member present: Rahim Jaffer.

Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present: Bill Casey, John Harvard, Marlene Jennings and Bernard Patry.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol and James Lee, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: James R. Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global and Security Policy; John Holmes, Director, United Nations, Criminal and Treaty Law Division; Shelley Whiting, Deputy Director, United Nations, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Section.

Pursuant to the Order of the House of October 15, 2001, the Committee resumed joint consideration with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of matters relating to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the participation of Canadian Forces in the international military coalition against terrorism.

James Wright made an opening statement and with John Holmes answered questions.

At 3:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chairs.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Clive J. Addy, Retired Major-General.





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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Bryon Wilfert and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: As Individual: Major-General (retired) Clive J. Addy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

John O'Reilly moved, - That the proposed operational budget of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs, in the amount of \$40,000 for a study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, be adopted by the Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Thursday, February 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Christian Couture, Lieutenant-General, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources-Military;

André Marin, Ombudsman;

Lise Mathieu, Brigadier General, Director General, Health Services.

As Individual:

Roméo Dallaire, Lieutenant-General, Retired.





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Meeting No. 42

Thursday, February 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, David Price, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for David Pratt and Sarmite Bulte for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers. Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: André Marin, Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman. *As Individual:* Lt-Gen (retired) Roméo Dallaire. *From the Department of National Defence:* Lt-Gen Christian Couture, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources - Military; Brigadier General Lise Mathieu, Director General, Health Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Mr. Marin and Lt-Gen (retired) Dallaire made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:02 the sitting resumed.

Lt-Gen Couture made an opening statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Patrick M. Dowsett, Colonel and Project Manager, Future Strategic Airlift and Strategic
Air-to-Air Refuelling Project.





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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Colonel Pat Dowsett, Program Manager - Future Strategic Airlift and Strategic Air-to-Air Refuelling.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Colonel Dowsett made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

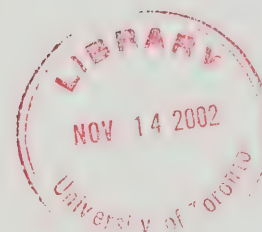
WITNESSES:

Canadian Forces College:

P.T. Mitchell, Director of Academics.

Department of National Defence:

J.J.R. Gagnon, Brigadier-General, Commandant, Canadian Forces College.





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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Brigadier-General J.J.R. Gagnon, Commandant, Canadian Forces College; Professor P.T. Mitchell, Director of Academics - Canadian Forces College.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Brigadier-General Gagnon made an opening statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, February 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Jennifer J. Bennett, Captain, Director of Reserves;

Paul R. Hussey, Brigadier General, Director General of Reserves and Cadets;

Raymond Zuliani, Rear Admiral, Chief of Reserve and Cadets.





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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, John O'Reilly, David Pratt and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Rear Admiral Raymond Zuliani, Chief of Reserve and Cadets; Brigadier General Paul R. Hussey, Director General Reserves and Cadets; Captain (N) Jennifer J. Bennett, Director Reserves.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Rear Admiral Raymond Zuliani made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Ron Buck, Vice-Admiral Chief of Maritime Staff.





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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

Other Member present: Dan McTeague.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Vice-Admiral Ron Buck, Chief of Maritime Staff; Commodore Jacques Gauvin, Assistant Chief of the Maritime Staff; Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Serge Joncas, Maritime Command.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Vice-Admiral Buck made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 14, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Airbus Military Company:

Richard Thompson, Commercial Director.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company:

Jean-Jacques Blais, Representative;

Peter E. Simmons, Communications Director, Air Mobility Programs.

The Boeing Company:

Allan DeQuetteville, Lieutenant-General (Retired) and Vice-President (Canada).





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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 14, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Co-Chair, David Price, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, David Price and Carmen Provenzano.

Attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Wolf Koerner and Michel Gossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: *From the The Boeing Company:* Lieutenant-General (Retired) Allan DeQuetteville, Vice President - Canada. *From the Airbus Military Company:* Richard Thompson, Commercial Director; Claude Lafrance, President, EADS Canada. *From the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company:* The Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais; Peter E. Simmons, Communications Director, Air Mobility Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

E.S. Fitch, Major-General, Project Manager, Land Force Reserve Restructure;

M.K. Jeffery, Lieutenant-General, Chief of the Land Staff;

Herbert Michael Petras, Brigadier-General, Director-General, Land Reserve.





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Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery, Chief of the Land Staff; Major General E.S. Fitch, Project Manager, Land Force Reserve Restructure; Brigadier General Herbert Michael Petras, Director General - Land Reserve.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, - That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, on April 18, 2002, and to Toronto, on May 1st and 2nd, 2002, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed budget in the amount of \$21,460. be adopted for the Sub-Committee's travel.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to retain the professional services of Barry Hamilton, as a consultant for the Committee, for the period of April 1, 2002, to May 31, 2002, at a cost of \$535. per day, for 20 days, for a total amount of \$10,700.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Naval Officers Association of Canada:

Russell D. Moore, Rear-Admiral (Retired), National President.





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Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:49 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From The Naval Officers Association of Canada: Rear Admiral (Retired) Russell D. Moore, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

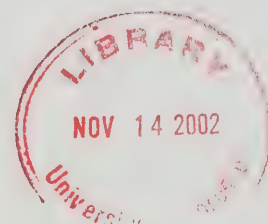
WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Lloyd Campbell, Lieutenant-General, Chief of the Air Staff;

Daniel Gilbert, Chief Warrant Officer, Air Command;

Doug Langton, Brigadier-General, Director General, Air Force Development.





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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General Lloyd C. Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff; CWO Daniel Gilbert, Air Command Chief Warrant Officer; Doug Langton, Director General Air Force Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Lieutenant-General Campbell made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Leon Benoit moved, - That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs immediately commence a study on the Government's purchase, for \$101 million, of two jets to replace the Challenger aircraft now being used by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet.

Elsie Wayne moved, - That Leon Benoit's motion be referred to the Steering Committee with the direction to staff to investigate the issue as to whether or not it's properly dealt with by this standing committee and not by another standing committee of the House.

The question being put on Elsie Wayne's motion, it was negatived to on the following recorded division:

NAYS

Rob Anders

Claude Bachand

Larry Bagnell

Colleen Beaumier

Leon Benoit

Stand Dromisky

Cheryl Gallant

John O'Reilly

David Price

Carmen Provenzano

Bob Wood: --11

YEAS

Peter Stoffer

Elsie Wayne: --2

The question being put on Leon Benoit's motion, it was negatived to on the following recorded division:

NAYS

Larry Bagnell

Colleen Beaumier

Stan Dromisky

John O'Reilly

David Price

Carmen Provenzano

Bob Wood: --7

YEAS

Rob Anders

Claude Bachand

Leon Benoit

Cheryl Gallant

Peter Stoffer

Elsie Wayne: --6

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

APPEARING:

Hon. Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

R.M. (Bob) Emond, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services;

George Macdonald, Lieutenant-General, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff;

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.





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Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Stan Dromisky, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Bev Desjarlais for Peter Stoffer

Appearing: The Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General George Macdonald, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff; R.M. (Bob) Emond, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services; Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.

The Committee considered a travel budget for the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Stan Dromisky moved, seconded by Elsie Wayne, --That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Western Canada from May 26 to 31, 2002 for a fact finding mission, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed travel budget in the amount of \$82, 296 be adopted.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces

WITNESS:

Royal Military College of Canada:

Joel Sokolsky, Professor, Dean of Arts.





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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, David Price, Vice-Chair, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for David Pratt.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Royal Military College of Canada: Professor Joel J. Sokolsky, Dean of Arts.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

Professor Sokolsky made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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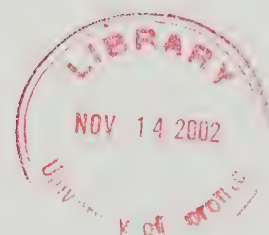
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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on the State of readiness in the Canadian Forces.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 9, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Colleen Beaumier, Judi Longfield for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, --That the proposed cover page, with the name of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs, be adopted.

It was agreed, --That the proposed pictures be published in the report.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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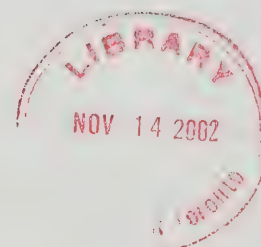
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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Yvon Charbonneau for Colleen Beaumier, Larry Bagnell for Stan Dromisky, Judi Longfield for Carmen Provenzano.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on the state of readiness of the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed to, on division, --That the draft report as amended be concurred in as the Fourth Report of the Committee and that the Chair be authorized to present it to the House at the earliest possibility.

It was agreed, --That, notwithstanding Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report within one hundred and twenty (120) days.

It was agreed, --That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report to the House.

It was agreed to, on division, --That the Chair be authorized to issue a press release and to hold a press conference with those Members of the Committee supporting the majority report.

It was agreed, --That the Committee authorize the printing of dissenting opinions as an appendix to this report, immediately following the signature of the Chair.

It was agreed, --That any dissenting opinions attached to the report be limited to not more than 7 pages.

It was agreed, --That any dissenting opinions, submitted in both official languages, be received by the Clerk no later than Thursday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m..

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the new army strategy "Advancing with Purpose: The Army Strategy"

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

M.K. Jeffery, Lieutenant-General, Chief of the Land Staff.





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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery, Chief of the Land Staff; Colonel William Peters, Director Land Strategic Planning; Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Kampman, Director Designate Land Strategic Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee convened for a briefing session on the new army strategy "Advancing with Purpose: The Army Strategy".

At 3:42 p.m., David Price took the Chair.

At 3:45 p.m., David Pratt took the Chair.

Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, May 23, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Estimates 2002-2003—Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under Veterans Affairs

APPEARING:

Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;

Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

Larry Murray, Deputy Minister.

Veterans Review and Appeal Board:

Brian Chambers, Chair.





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Meeting No. 58

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Julian Reed for Colleen Beaumier, Gérard Binet for Stan Dromisky, Alan Tonks for Janko Perić, André Harvey for David Price, Peter Goldring for Leon Benoit, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Louis Plamondon.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Appearing: The Honourable Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: Larry Murray, Deputy Minister; Brian Chambers, Chair, Veterans Review and Appeal Board; Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Michaela Huard, Director General, Policy Coordinator in Ottawa Headquarters.

The Committee considered two travel budget requests from the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs.

On motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, --That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Eastern Canada from September 22 to 26, 2002 for a fact finding mission, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed travel budget in the amount of \$66, 320. be adopted.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, --That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to the United States of America from October 21 to 24, 2002 for a fact finding mission, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed travel budget in the amount of \$71, 932. be adopted.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated Tuesday, February 28, 2002, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Estimates 2002-2003—Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under Veterans Affairs.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Chair submitted a proposal to the Committee from the Minister of National Defence to have the *Quality of Life Report* incorporated in future annual reports of the Chief of Defence staff.

It was agreed to support the Minister's proposal.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, June 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the Supply Chain Project

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Richard Burton, Chief of staff;

Yvon De Blois, Captain (Navy) and Project Manager, Supply Chain Project.

Union of National Defence Employees:

Peter Cormier, Executive Vice-President;

John MacLennan, National President.





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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, June 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Réal Ménard for Louis Plamondon; Yvon Godin for Peter Stoffer.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Richard Burton, Chief of staff, Material; Yvon De Blois, Project Manager, Supply Chain Project. *From the Union of National Defence Employees:* John MacLennan, National President; Peter Cormier, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee convened for a briefing session on the Supply Chain Project.

Mr. Burton made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Mr. MacLennan made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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on

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, June 11, 2001

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Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Colleen Beaumier, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Roy Bailey for Cheryl Gallant.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

The Committee proceeded to consider a report of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Colleen Beaumier presented the First Report (*Long-Term Care for Veterans: The West Coast Crisis*) of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs.

It was agreed, -- That the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be concurred in as a report of this committee and that the Chair of the Sub-Committee, or her designate, be authorized to present it to the House at the earliest possibility.

It was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request from the Government a comprehensive response to this report but that, notwithstanding the one hundred and fifty (150) days time limit prescribed in Standing Order 109, this comprehensive response be tabled within one hundred and twenty (120) days.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report to the House.

It was also agreed, -- That 300 copies of the Fourth Report of the Committee (*Facing Our Responsibilities : The state of readiness of the Canadian Forces*) be printed, at the cost of \$ 3, 986.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, June 13, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the Supply Chain Project

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, June 13, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee convened for a briefing session on the Supply Chain Project.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1), (2) and (3).

Member(s) of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, Joe McGuire, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member(s) present: Suzanne Tremblay for Louis Plamondon; Steve Mahoney for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs.

On motion of David Price, it was agreed that David Pratt be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, David Pratt was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed that David Price be elected Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, David Price was declared duly elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Cheryl Gallant moved, -- That Leon Benoit be elected opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Peter Stoffer moved, -- That Elsie Wayne be elected opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a secret ballot was conducted. Elsie Wayne was duly elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

David Pratt took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to consider routine motions.

John O'Reilly moved, -- That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the two Parliamentary Secretaries and a member from the Bloc québécois, New Democratic Party and Progressive Conservative Party do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that "Progressive Conservative Party" be replaced with "Canadian Alliance".

Leon Benoit moved the following amendment, - That the motion be amended by replacing "Parliamentary Secretaries" with "two Liberal members". Debate arose thereon. After debate, the question was put on the motion to amend and it was, by a show of hands, negated.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 8

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed -- That the Committee retain the services of one or more research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Joe McGuire, it was agreed -- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five (5) members are present, including two (2) members of the Opposition and that after fifteen (15) minutes the number be reduced to three (3) members including one (1) member of the Opposition.

Claude Bachand moved, -- That witnesses be given (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated in the First Round, seven (7) minutes each for Canadian Alliance, Bloc québécois, Liberals, New Democratic Party, Progressive Conservative Party; and in the Second Round, five (5) minutes for each Party in the same order.

Leon Benoit moved the following amendment, -- That the motion be amended by replacing the text after the second occurrence of the word witnesses with the following: "there be allocated in the First Round, seven (7) minutes for the Canadian Alliance, then seven (7) minutes for the Liberals, seven (7) minutes for Bloc québécois, seven (7) minutes for the Liberals, seven (7) minutes for the New Democratic Party, seven (7) minutes for Liberals, seven (7) minutes for the Progressive Conservative Party; and in the Second Round, five (5) minutes for the Liberal members, five (5) minutes for Canadian Alliance members, five (5) minutes for the Liberal members, five (5) minutes for the Bloc québécois member, and five (5) minutes for the Liberal members remaining". Debate arose thereon.

David Price moved, -- That the matter be referred to the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure. Debate arose thereon. After debate, the question was put on the motion and was negated on recorded division:

YEAS

Joe McGuire
John O'Reilly
David Price
Elsie Wayne: --4

NAYS

Janko Perić
Carmen Provenzano
Bob Wood
Rob Anders
Leon Benoit
Cheryl Gallant

Claude Bachand
Suzanne Tremblay
Peter Stoffer: --9

After debate, the question was put on Leon Benoit's motion to amend and it was agreed to on recorded division:

YEAS

Joe McGuire
John O'Reilly
Janko Perić
David Price
Rob Anders
Leon Benoit
Cheryl Gallant: --7

NAYS

Claude Bachand
Suzanne Tremblay
Peter Stoffer
Elsie Wayne
Carmen Provenzano
Bob Wood:--6

After debate, the question was put on the main motion as amended and it was agreed to on recorded division:

YEAS

Joe McGuire
John O'Reilly
Janko Perić
David Price
Rob Anders
Leon Benoit
Cheryl Gallant:--7

NAYS

Claude Bachand
Louis Plamondon
Peters Stoffer
Elsie Wayne
Carmen Provenzano
Bob Wood:--6

On motion of David Price moved, it was agreed, -- That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable

travelling expenses, as per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to two (2) representatives per organization.

On motion of Joe McGuire, it was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in Council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the Resume of each appointee.

On motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to circulate the documents received only when they exist in both official languages.

On motion of Bob Wood, it was agreed, -- That, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, when witnesses appear before the Committee, substantive motions, for which a 24 hours' notice has to be given to the members of the Committee, be considered at the end of the meeting and the putting of the question on any of the motions be deferred to the beginning of the next Committee meeting.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, -- That, pursuant to the 19th Report of the Procedure and House Affairs Committee, when a member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery wishes to video record a Committee meeting, the Clerk of the Committee be provided, in all circumstances prior to the meeting, with a 48 hours notice.

On motion of David Price, it was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), given the events of September 11, 2001, the resulting increased workload upon the main Committee and the intense focus on defence issues in the foreseeable future, a Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be established to inquire into matters relating to Veterans Affairs; that the Sub-Committee be composed of nine (9) members or associate members of which five (5) shall be government members and four (4) shall be opposition members with all parties represented; and that the Sub-Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to receive evidence, to sit no more than once a week, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee, during a time when the main Committee is not sitting.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, -- That when the Minister is to appear before the Committee, the Chair shall try to hold the meeting in a room in which it can be televised.

At 10:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette

Acting Clerk of the Committee

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on

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of general defence issues, including the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2002-2003

APPEARING:

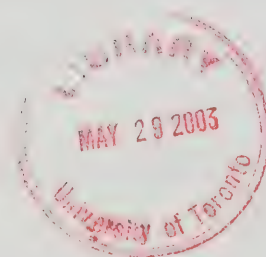
Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Margaret Bloodworth, Deputy Minister;

Raymond R. Henault, General, Chief of the Defence Staff.





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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Joe McGuire, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Deborah Grey for Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Appearing: The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: General Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff; Margaret Bloodworth, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee considered general defence issues, including the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2002-2003.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting resumed and the Committee proceeded *in camera* to consider its future business.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Monday, November 25, 2002, to consider the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

—That the Committee hold hearings on Canada's possible military contribution in the event of a conflict with Iraq and on other issues;

—That, until the Christmas recess, the Committee hold hearings related to this matter on each of the three environments and that the following witnesses be invited to appear:

- the Chief of Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral Ron Buck;
- the Chief of the Land Staff, Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery;
- the Chief of the Air Staff, Lieutenant-General Lloyd C. Campbell.

Alternate witnesses would include the Conference of Defence Associations and Professor David J. Bercuson, Director, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary.

—That the Committee investigate the possibility of participating in a visit of the NATO Defence and Security Committee to the United States (Washington, D.C., California and Nevada) from January 26 to February 1, 2003.

The Committee considered the report and it was concurred in.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Monday, December 2, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of general defence issues, including the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2002-2003

WITNESSES:

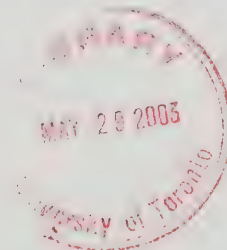
Conference of Defence Associations:

Richard Evraire, Lieutenant-General, (Retired), Chairman;

Alain Pellerin, Colonel, (Retired), Executive Director.

Multinational Force and Observers:

Arthur H. Hughes Director General;





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Meeting No. 3

Monday, December 2, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Joe McGuire, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Conference of Defence Associations: Lt-Gen (Retired) Richard J. Evraire, Chairman; Col (Retired) Alain Pellerin, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues.

Lieutenant-General Evraire made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

M.K. (Mike) Jeffery, Lieutenant-General and Chief of the Land Staff.





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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Joe McGuire, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery, Chief of the Land Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues.

Lieutenant-General Jeffery made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Monday, December 9, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Vadm. Ron Buck, Chief of Maritime Staff.





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Meeting No. 5

Monday, December 9, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Joe McGuire, John O'Reilly, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Vice-Admiral Ron Buck, Chief of Maritime Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues.

At 3:55 p.m., David Price took the Chair.

At 4:30 p.m., David Pratt took the Chair.

Vice-Admiral Buck made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Lloyd C. Campbell, Lieutenant- General, Chief of the Air Staff.





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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Joe McGuire, John O'Reilly, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Lt-Gen Lloyd C. Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), discussion on the State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces and on Budgetary Issues.

At 4:40 p.m., David Price took the Chair.

Lieutenant-General Campbell made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, January 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future business





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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, January 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Cheryl Gallant, Joe McGuire, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for Robert Bertrand; Roy Cullen for Anita Neville.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

The Committee considered its future business.

The Chair presented the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 to consider the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1.—That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs undertake a study on Canada-United States Defence Co-operation and on other related matters;
- 2.—That the Chair ask the Clerk of the Committee to prepare a travel budget for a fact finding mission to the United States from May 5 to 16, 2003;
- 3.—That the Chair extend an invitation to the Ambassador of the United States in Canada, His Excellency Paul Cellucci, as well as to the Defence and Air Attaché, Colonel Lowell Richard Boyd, for an informal dinner meeting at the Parliamentary Restaurant.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, seconded by David Price, the report was concurred in.

The Committee considered a list of possible witnesses. It was agreed that the following witnesses be added:

- representatives from the Reserves;
- Vice-Admiral Dusty Miller;
- Bruce MacDonald, Royal United Service Institute;

- Vice-Admiral Maddison;
- General (Retired) Lou Cuppens
- the Hon. Lloyd Axworthy;
- Prof. David Charters.

It was also agreed, - That the study outline will be modified to include the items indicated by Claude Bachand (treaties, memoranda of understanding, etc.).

At 9:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

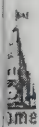
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESS:

Carleton University:

Martin Rudner, Professor; Director of the Canadian Centre of Intelligence and Security
Studies, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From the Carleton University: Professor Martin Rudner, Director of the Canadian Centre of Intelligence and Security Studies, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee undertook a study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESS:

Royal Military College of Canada:

Joel Sokolsky, Professor; Dean of Arts.



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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, Janko Perić, David Pratt, David Price.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesse: From the Royal Military College of Canada: Professor Joel Sokolsky, Dean of Arts.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-USA Defence Cooperation.

At 9:10 a.m., David Price took the Chair.

At 9:15 a.m., David Pratt took the Chair.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, February 13, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Kenneth Calder, Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy);

Col Rick Williams, Director of Western Hemisphere Policy.



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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, February 13, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: Deborah Grey for Rob Anders.

Other Member present: Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Dr. Kenneth J. Calder, Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy); Colonel Rick Williams, Director of Western Hemisphere Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation.

Dr. Calder made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee considered an operational budget request and a travel budget request for the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs. The Chair of the Subcommittee, Bob Wood, made a presentation.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, seconded by Joe McGuire, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to retain the professional services of Mr. Barry Hamilton, as a consultant for the Subcommittee, for the period of April 1st, 2003, to June 30, 2003, at a cost of \$535. per day, for 20 days, for a total amount of \$10,700.

On motion of Anita Neville, seconded by Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$26,305. be adopted.

On motion of Joe McGuire, seconded by Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Eastern Canada from March 31 to April 4, 2003, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed budget in the amount of \$66,848.50 be adopted for the Sub-Committee's travel.

The Committee considered an operational budget and a travel budget relating to its study on Canada-

United States Defence Cooperation.

On motion of Lawrence O'Brien, seconded by Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation, the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to retain the professional services of Mr. Barry Hamilton, as a consultant for the Committee, for the period of April 1st, 2003, to October 31st, 2003, at a cost of \$535. per day, for 75 days, for a total amount of \$40,125.

On motion of Anita Neville, seconded by Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation, the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$66,235. be adopted by the Committee.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, seconded by Lawrence O'Brien, it was agreed, on division, — That, in relation to its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation, the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., Norfolk, Virginia, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and San Diego, California, from May 6 to May 16, 2003, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed budget in the amount of \$217,941.69 be adopted for the Committee's travel.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESSES:

Council for Canadian Security in the 21st Century:

Jack Granatstein, Professor; Chair.

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 20, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESS:

Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies:

David Rudd, President and Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 20, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, Janko Perić, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies: David Rudd, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

Lloyd C. Campbell, Lieutenant-General, Chief of the Air Staff.



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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General Lloyd C. Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation.

At 9:05 a.m., Elsie Wayne took the Chair.

At 9:15 a.m., David Pratt took the Chair.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

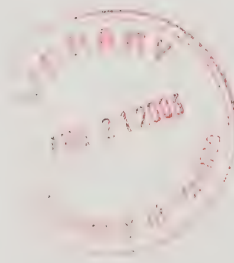
Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

VAdm Ron Buck, Chief of the Maritime Staff;

Cmdre J.C.J.Y. Forcier, Director General, Maritime Personnel and Readiness.





PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n^o 14

Le mardi 18 mars 2003

Le Comité permanent de la défense nationale et des anciens combattants se réunit aujourd'hui à 9 h 10, dans la salle 362 de l'édifice de l'Est, sous la présidence de David Pratt, président.

Membres du Comité présents : Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Lawrence O'Brien, Janko Perić, David Pratt et David Price.

Aussi présent : *De la Direction de la recherche parlementaire de la Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Michel Rossignol, attaché de recherche.

Témoins : *Du ministère de la Défense nationale* : Vice-amiral Ron Buck, chef d'état-major des Forces maritimes; cmdre J.C.J.Y. Forcier, directeur général, Personnel et état de préparation.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement, le Comité reprend son étude sur la coopération entre le Canada et les États-Unis en matière de défense.

Le vice-amiral Buck fait une déclaration et, avec l'autre témoin, répond aux questions.

À 11 h, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité

Diane Deschamps

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, March 20, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESS:

Polaris Institute:

Steven Staples, Director of the Project on the Corporate-Security State.



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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, March 20, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From the Polaris Institute: Steven Staples, Director of the Project on the Corporate-Security State.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, seconded by Cheryl Gallant, it was agreed,— That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the revised operational budget in the amount of \$15,605 be adopted.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

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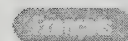
Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Michael Dawson, Deputy Director (Political), United States General Relations Division;

Jill Sinclair, Director General, International Security Bureau.



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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Jill Sinclair, Director General, International Security Bureau; Michael Dawson, Deputy Director (Political), United States General Relations Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Jill Sinclair made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, March 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

John Leggat, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology;

Ingar Moen, Director, Science and Technology (Policy);

Robert Walker, Director General, Research and Development Programs.



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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, March 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Lawrence O'Brien, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Dr. John Leggat, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology; Dr. Robert Walker, Director General, Research and Development Programs; Dr. Ingar Moen, Director, Science and Technology (Policy).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Mr. Leggat made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

M.K. Jeffery, Lieutenant-General and Chief of the Land Staff.



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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, April 1st, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, Joe McGuire, David Pratt, David Price.

Acting Member present: Deborah Gray for Rob Anders.

In attendance: Barry Hamilton, Advisor to the Committee.

Witness: From the Department of National Defence: Lieutenant-General M.K. Jeffery, Chief of the Land Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, April 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESS:

Department of National Defence:

James Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and
Emergency Preparedness.



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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:16 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, David Pratt, David Price.

In attendance: Barry Hamilton, Advisor to the Committee.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: James Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness; Bill de Laat, Director General of External Relations and Public Affairs, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

James Harlick made an opening statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues



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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee considered the future of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation.

It was agreed to waive the 24 hours' notice for the presentation of substantive motions.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, it was unanimously agreed, — That the House be asked to consider a motion to allow the Committee to travel to the United States for its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation.

At 10:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2003-2004: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under National Defence

APPEARING:

Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Margaret Bloodworth, Deputy Minister;

Greg R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral and Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.



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Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 4:04 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Janko Perić, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Margaret Bloodworth, Deputy Minister; Vice Admiral Greg R. Maddison, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.

Pursuant to an Order of Reference of the House dated Wednesday, February 26, 2003, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Main Estimates 2003-2004 - Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under National Defence.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Diotte

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, April 10, 2003

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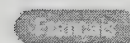
Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues

WITNESS:

University of Calgary:

David Bercuson, Professor, Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.





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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, April 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Elsie Wayne, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Joe McGuire, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer; Barry Hamiton, Consultant.

Witness: From the University of Calgary: Prof. David Bercuson, Professor, Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

David Bercuson made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:15 a.m., David Pratt took the Chair.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Committee Clerk

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Michael Slack, Director, Canada-U.S. Materiel Cooperation;

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.



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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, David Pratt, David Price.

Acting Member present: Gerry Ritz for Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel; Michael J. Slack, Director, Canada-US Materiel Cooperation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Alan Williams made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That the full text (including pages 1 and 2) of the written statement submitted by Alan Williams be added to the evidence of today's meeting.

The Committee considered its future business concerning Bill C-31, *An Act to amend the Pension Act and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act*.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Estimates 2003-2004: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under Veterans Affairs

APPEARING:

Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;

Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister.

Veterans Review & Appeal Board:

Victor Marchand, Acting Chair.



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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Ivan Grose, Joe McGuire, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Roy Bailey for Rob Anders; Bob Wood for David Price.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister; Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Robert Hamilton, Director General, Finance Division. *From the Veterans Review & Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Acting Chair.

Pursuant to an Order of the House dated Wednesday, February 26, 2003, consideration of the Estimates 2003-2004 - Votes 1, 5 and 10 under Veterans Affairs.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, May 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the *Pension Act and the Royal Canadian Mounted Policy Superannuation Act*

APPEARING:

Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;

LCol Brian Sutherland, Canadian Forces Liaison Officer.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Supt John Nikita, Director, Occupational Health and Safety, Human Resources Programs.



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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, May 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bertrand, Bill Blaikie, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Louis Plamondon, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: Roy Bailey for Rob Anders.

In attendance: Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Appearing: Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; LCol Brian Sutherland, Canadian Forces Liaison Officer. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* John Nikita, Director, Occupational Health and Safety, Human Resources Programs.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference dated Monday, April 28, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the *Pension Act and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act*.

The Minister made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 7 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-31, without amendment, to the House as the First Report of the Committee.

At 9:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institute of International Affairs:

Clayton Beattie;

Robert Edmonds, Past Chair, National Capital Branch, Canadian Institute of International Affairs;

Dwight Fulford;

Keith Greenaway;

David Kirkwood;

George Lindsey;

Blair Seaborn.



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Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Institute of International Affairs: George Lindsey; Robert Edmonds, Past Chair, National Capital Branch; Blair Seaborn; Clayton Beattie; David Kirkwood; Keith R. Greenaway; Dwight Fulford.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

George Lindsey made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 15, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with members of the Delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic.

WITNESS:

Kyrgyz Republic:

Hon. Abdygany Erkebaev, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.



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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 15, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:14 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

Acting Member present: Bob Wood for Ivan Grose.

In attendance: Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: From the Kyrgyz Republic: Hon. Abdygany Erkebaev, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; Tashpolot Baltabaev; Asan Raimkulov; Zakir Sharapov.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with members of the Delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Hon. Abdygany Erkebaev made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESS:

University of Manitoba:

James Fergusson, Deputy Director, Centre for Defence and Security Studies.





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Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:18 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Robert Bertrand, Dominic LeBlanc, Anita Neville, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witness: From the University of Manitoba: Dr. James Fergusson, Deputy Director, Centre for Defence and Security Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

James Fergusson made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESSES:

Liu Institute for Global Issues:

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Director and Chief Executive Officer.

University of Toronto:

John Polanyi, Professor, Department of Chemistry.

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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, David Pratt, Elsie Wayne.

Invited Members present: Alexa McDonough for Bill Blaikie; Francine Lalonde for Claude Bachand.

Other members present: John Godfrey, Bob Wood.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Guests: From the Liu Institute for Global Issues: The Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Director and Chief Executive Officer. *From the University of Toronto:* Dr. John Polanyi, Professor, Department of Chemistry.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Monday, June 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-35, An Act to amend the National Defence Act (remuneration of military judges)

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

André Dufour, Lieutenant Colonel and Director, Legislative and Regulatory Services;

Doug Elderkin, Major, Directorate of Pay Policy Development;

Patrick Gleeson, Lieutenant Colonel, Special Assistant, Judge Advocate General.



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Meeting No. 30

Monday, June 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, David Pratt, David Price.

Acting Members present: John O'Reilly for Ivan Grose, Alan Tanks for Janko Perić, Raymond Simard for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol and David Goetz, Research Officers. *From the Committees Branch:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Department of National Defence: LCol André Dufour, Director, Legislative and Regulatory Services; LCol Patrick Gleeson, Special Assistant, Judge Advocate General; Maj Doug Elderkin, Directorate of Pay Policy Development.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference dated Monday, May 5, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-35, An Act to amend the *National Defence Act* (remuneration of military judges).

Lieutenant-Colonel Dufour made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 1 to 11 carried severally.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-35, without amendment, to the House as the Second Report of the Committee.

At 4:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues

WITNESS:

St. Lawrence University:

Joseph Jockel, Professor, Canadian Studies Program.



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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, David Pratt, David Price.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witness: From the St. Lawrence University: Prof. Joseph T. Jockel, Canadian Studies Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Professor Jockel made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee



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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, June 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues

WITNESS:

York University:

Martin Shadwick, Senior Research Fellow, York Centre for International Security.



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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, June 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Cheryl Gallant, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, David Pratt, David Price, Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers; Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witness: From the York University: Prof. Martin Shadwick, Senior Research Fellow, York Centre for International Security.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Professor Shadwick made an opening statement and answered questions.

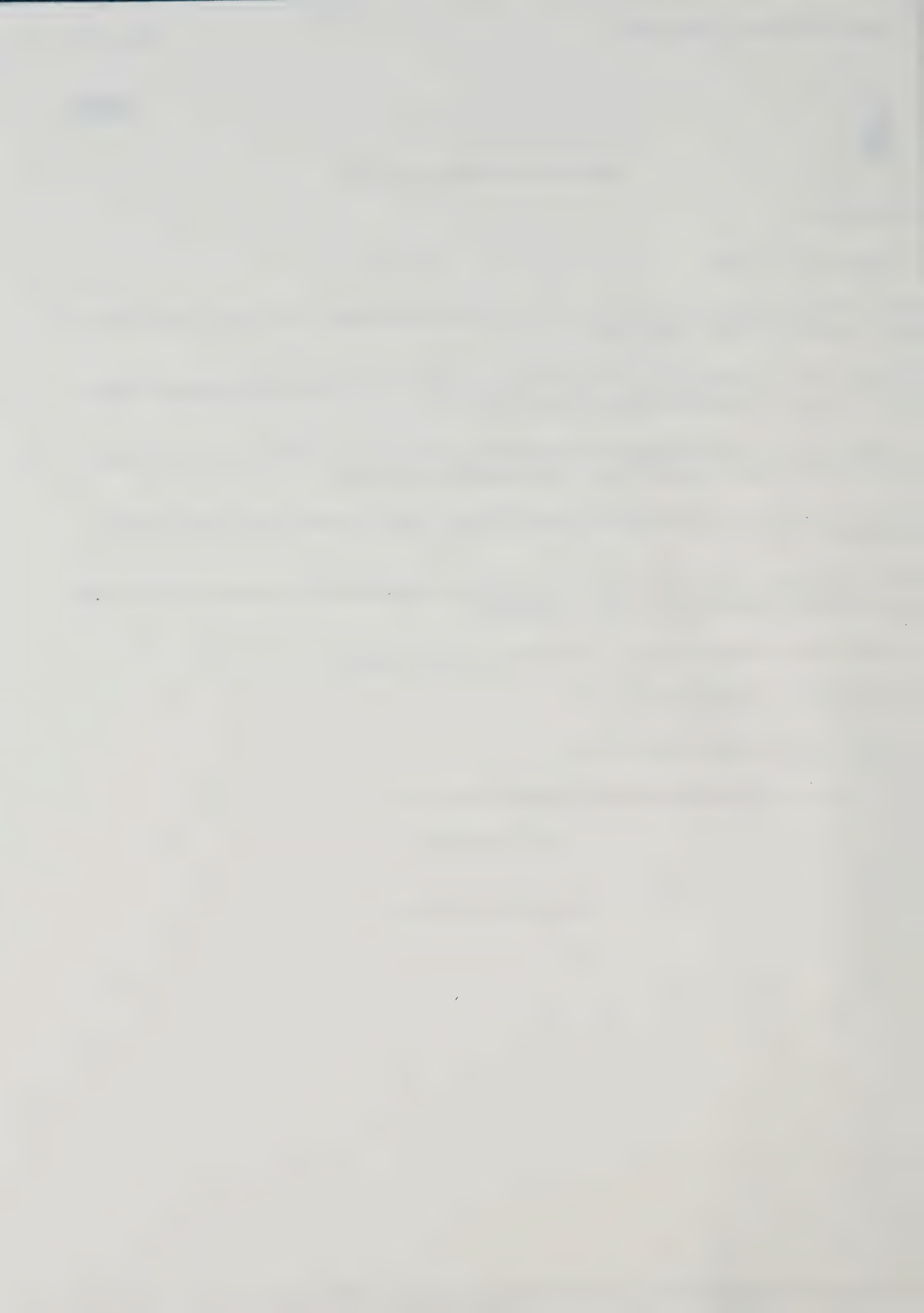
At 10:42 a.m., David Price took the Chair.

At 10:45 a.m., David Pratt took the Chair.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 8, West Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Leon Benoit, Robert Bertrand, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, David Pratt and David Price.

Guesting Member present: Bob Wood for Janko Perić.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

The Committee proceeded to consider a report of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Bob Wood presented the First Report (*Honouring the Pledge: Ensuring Quality Long-Term Care for Veterans*) of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs.

It was agreed, -- That the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be concurred in as a report of this Committee and that the Chair of the Sub-Committee, or his designate, be authorized to present it to the House at the earliest possibility.

It was agreed, -- That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report within one hundred and fifty (150) days.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report to the House.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

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Meeting No. 34

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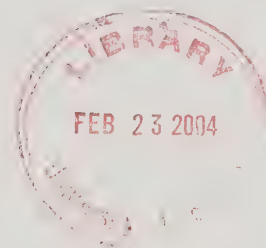
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future of the Canada - United States Defence Cooperation Study.

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Richard Cohen, President, RSC Strategic Connections.





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Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Cheryl Gallant, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, David Pratt and David Price.

Acting Members present: Jay Hill for Leon Benoit.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: As Individual: Richard Cohen, President, RSC Strategic Connections.

Subject: Future of the Canada - United States Defence Cooperation Study.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/25 4:09 p.m.

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, September 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESSES:

Conference of Defence Associations:

Lieutenant-General Richard Evraire (Retired), Chairman;
Colonel Howard Marsh (Retired), Senior Defence Analyst;
Colonel Alain Pellerin (Retired), Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, September 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, David Pratt, David Price and Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: Conference of Defence Associations: Richard J. Evraire, Chairman; Howard Marsh, Senior Defence Analyst; Alain Pellerin, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Lt-Gen Richard J. Evraire made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/29 4:03 p.m.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, October 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs



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Meeting No. 36

Thursday, October 2, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Jay Hill, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, Janko Peric, David Pratt and Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Gilbert Barrette for David Price, Deborah Grey for Rob Anders and Bob Wood for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Robert Bertrand, it was agreed, — That David Pratt be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That David Price be elected, *in absentia*, as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Cheryl Gallant moved, — That Jay Hill be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Bob Wood moved, — That Elsie Wayne be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

The ballots having been counted, Jay Hill was declared duly elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

David Pratt took the Chair.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Canadian Forces members in Afghanistan and their families.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed - That the Committee proceed to the consideration of future business.

The Committee discussed travelling to Happy Valley - Goose Bay to investigate the effect of cancelling foreign training contracts at the training base on the town and visiting other military bases in Atlantic

Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Committee begin its hearings on Bill C-37 as soon as possible.

It was agreed, — That the Committee begin its hearings on Bill C-50 as soon as possible.

Claude Bachand moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting the Committee's proposed travel to Washington, D.C. the week of November 16 to 21 in relation to their study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues, pursuant to motion passed on February 13, 2003.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/03 2:36 p.m.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and to make consequential amendments to other acts

Report by the Chair of Bill C-37 to the House of Commons

Study of matters related to Committee business

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

L.J. Colwell, Colonel and Director General, Compensation and Benefits;

Claude Rochette, Lieutenant-Colonel and Project Director, Canadian Forces Pension
Modernization Project.



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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Jay Hill, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Lawrence O'Brien, Janko Peric, David Pratt and Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Deborah Grey for Rob Anders, John O'Reilly for David Price, Diane St-Jacques for Lawrence O'Brien, Yolande Thibeault for Anita Neville, Alan Tonks for Anita Neville and Bob Wood for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jeffrey LeBlanc, Legislative Clerk. Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Col L.J. Colwell, Director General, Compensation and Benefits; LCol Claude Rochette, Project Director, Canadian Forces Pension Modernization Project.

Col L.J. Colwell made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered further questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, September 26, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Clause 1 carried.

Jay Hill moved, — That Bill C-37, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 26 on page 1 the following:

“(1.1) Regulations under this section respecting any benefit, entitlement or right of a contributor may be made only on the recommendation of the Minister after the Minister has consulted with the contributors and taken their views into consideration.”

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jay Hill and it was negatived.

Clause 2 carried.

Clauses 3 to 22 inclusive carried severally.

Jay Hill moved, — That Bill C-37, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 11 on page 21 the following:

“(1.1) Regulations under this section respecting any benefit, entitlement or right of a contributor may be made only on the recommendation of the Minister after the Minister has consulted with the contributors and taken their views into consideration.”

The question was put on the amendment of Jay Hill and it was negatived.

Clause 23 carried.

Clauses 24 to 35 inclusive carried severally.

Jay Hill moved, — That Bill C-37, in Clause 36, be amended by adding after line 30 on page 24 the following:

“(1.1) Regulations under this section respecting any benefit, entitlement or right of a contributor may be made only on the recommendation of the Minister after the Minister has consulted with the contributors and taken their views into consideration.”

The question was put on the amendment of Jay Hill and it was negatived.

Clause 36 carried.

Clauses 37 to 71 inclusive carried severally.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Washington, D.C., Carlisle, PA, Norfolk, Virginia and Colorado Springs, Colorado, from November 16 to 21, 2003 in relation to its study on Canada - United-States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 144,940.42, for the Committee's travel to Washington, D.C., Carlisle, PA, Norfolk, Virginia and Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November 16 to 21, 2003 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 12:50 p.m.

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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, October 9, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-50, An Act to amend the statute law in respect of benefits for veterans and the children of deceased veterans

APPEARING:

Ivan Grose, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Bryson Guptill, director, Program Policy Directorate, Program and Service Policy Division,
Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister.



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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, October 9, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Bill Blaikie, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, David Pratt and Elsie Wayne.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Anita Neville, Roy Bailey for Cheryl Gallant, Jean-Guy Carignan for Anita Neville, Claude Duplain for David Price, Maria Minna for Janko Peric, Alan Tonks for Lawrence O'Brien, Joseph Volpe for Janko Peric, Bob Wood for Janko Peric and Bob Wood for David Price.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Appearing: Ivan Grose, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Bryson Guptill, Director, Program Policy Directorate, Program and Service Policy Division; Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, September 25, 2003, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-50, An Act to amend the statute law in respect of benefits for veterans and the children of deceased veterans.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bob Wood, it was agreed, — That the committee supports the decision of Veterans Affairs Canada to extend from one year to a lifetime the Veterans Independence Program (VIP) benefits provided to surviving spouses of Veterans who were in receipt of such benefits at the time of their death. However, the members of the committee unanimously agree that the Government should take all possible means to provide lifetime VIP benefits to all qualified surviving spouses, of Veterans receiving such benefits at the time of their death, not just to those now eligible for such benefits following the amendments made in June 2003 to the Veterans Health Care Regulations.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Clauses 1 to 14 inclusive carried severally.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That the motion adopted on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 concerning travel to the United-States be rescinded.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That the Committee travel to Washington, D.C., Carlisle, PA, Norfolk, Virginia and New York, from November 16 to 21, 2003 in relation to its study on Canada - United-States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That the motion adopted on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 concerning the travel budget to the United-States be rescinded.

On motion of Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 106,090.42, for the Committee's travel to Washington, D.C., Carlisle, PA, Norfolk, Virginia and New York, on November 16 to 21, 2003 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/10 3:49 p.m.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, October 23, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Martin Benjamin, Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere Policy;

Pierre Daigle, Major-General, Special Advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff (HS Issues);

K.R. Pennie, Lieutenant-General, Chief of the Air Staff.

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Meeting No. 39

Thursday, October 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East, the Vice-Chair, David Price, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Bill Blaikie, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Jay, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Neville, David Price and Elsie Wayne.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Barry Milton, Consultant.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: LGen K.R. Pennie, Chief of the Air Staff; MGen Pierre Daigle, Special Advisor to the CDS (HS Issues); Martin Benjamin, Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Lieutenant-General Pennie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/27 10:39 a.m.

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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESS:

Naval Officers' Association of Vancouver Island:

Admiral Ken Summers (Retired), President.



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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Jay Hill, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire and David Pratt.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst. *As Individual:* Barry Hamilton, Consultant.

Witnesses: Naval Officers' Association of Vancouver Island: Ken Summers, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed to send a memo to Committee members about travel plans.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/29 8:52 a.m.

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Meeting No. 41

Thursday, October 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session with the Canadian Forces Ombudsman

WITNESS:

National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman:

André Marin, Ombudsman.

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Meeting No. 41

Thursday, October 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Ivan Grose, Dominic LeBlanc, David Pratt and David Price.

Attending Members present: Deborah Grey for Jay Hill and Benoît Sauvageau for Louis Plamondon.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman: André Marin, Ombudsman; Barb Finlay, Director General of Investigations; Mary McFadyen, Acting General Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session with the Canadian Forces Ombudsman.

Mr. Marin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would discuss the following motion at their next meeting: That SCNDVA accept the report of the Ombudsman on “Unfair Deductions from SISIP Payments to Former CF Members”, October 2003 and that we implore the Defence Minister and government to accept and enact the recommendations therewith.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/31 10:20 a.m.

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Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

J.A.G. Champagne, Colonel, Director, Land Force Readiness;

Greg R. Maddison, Vice-Admiral, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:46 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Jay Hill, Dominic LeBlanc, Joe McGuire, Anita Ville, Lawrence O'Brien, David Pratt, David Price and Elsie Wayne.

Attending Members present: Deborah Grey for Rob Anders.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: VAdm Greg R. Maddison, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff; Col J. Michael Snell, Director, NATO Policy; Col J.A.G. Champagne, Director, Land Force Readiness.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Deborah Grey, seconded by David Price, it was agreed, — That SCNDVA receive the report of the Ombudsman on "Unfair Deductions from SISIP Payments to Former CF Members", October 2003 and that we implore the Defence Minister and government to accept and enact the recommendations therewith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on Canada-United States Defence Cooperation and on other related issues.

Deputy-Admiral Maddison made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/05 1:07 p.m.

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37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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Standing Committee
on

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: David Pratt, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing on general defence issues and on the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2003-2004: Votes 1a and 5a under National Defence and Votes 1a and 5a under Veterans Affairs

APPEARING:

Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Defence

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Raymond R. Henault, General, Chief of the Defence Staff;

Rodney Monette, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services;

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, David Pratt, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Robert Bertrand, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, Dominic LeBlanc, Rita Neville, Lawrence O'Brien, Janko Peric, David Pratt, David Price and Elsie Wayne.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Defence.

Participants present: Department of National Defence: Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff; Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel; Rodney Monette, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee received a briefing on general defense issues and on the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2003-2004: Votes 1a and 5a under National Defence and Votes 1a and 5a under Veterans Affairs.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/07 11:26 a.m.

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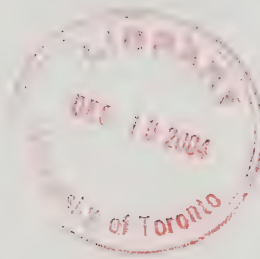
Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



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eting No. 1

dnesday, February 18, 2004

Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, Lawrence O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, David Price, Jane Stewart and Bob Wood.

Missing Members present: Deborah Grey for Rob Anders and Karen Redman for Robert Bertrand.

Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

motion of Lawrence O'Brien, it was agreed, — That Pat O'Brien be elected Chair of the Committee.

motion of Rick Casson, it was agreed, — That Jay Hill be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That Janko Peric be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, — That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and a representative of the Conservative Party, the Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party, do compose the committee on Agenda and Procedure.

motion of Janko Peric, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

motion of Bob Wood, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five (5) members are present including two (2) members of the Opposition and that after fifteen (15) minutes the number be reduced to three (3) members including one (1) member of Opposition.

motion of Lawrence O'Brien, it was agreed, — That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to two (2) representatives per organization.

Bob Wood moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

motion of Bob Wood, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals or refreshments for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), given the events of September 11, 2001, the resulting increased workload upon the main Committee and the intense focus on defence issues in the foreseeable future, a Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be established to inquire into matters relating to Veterans

Affairs; that the Sub-Committee be composed of nine (9) members or associate members of which five (5) shall be government members and four (4) shall be opposition members with all parties represented; and that the Sub-Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to receive evidence, to sit no more than once a week, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee, during a time when the main Committee is not sitting.

On motion of Rick Casson, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Lawrence O'Brien moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

David Price moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, when witnesses appear before the Committee, substantive motions, for which a 24 hours' notice has to be given to the members of the Committee, be considered at the end of the meeting and that, if a vote is called, it be deferred to the beginning of the next Committee meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

David Price moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "be considered at" the following: "the beginning or".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Price and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the main motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Bill Blaikie, it was agreed, — That the government whip be asked to remove the parliamentary secretary from this Committee.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/20 2:44 p.m.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to Committee business



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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, Louis Plamondon, Hon. David Price, Hon. Jane Stewart and Bob Wood.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jay Hill moved, — That witnesses be given (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated in the First Round, nine (9) minutes to the Conservatives, seven (7) minutes to the Bloc Québécois, ten (10) minutes to the Liberals, and five (5) minutes to the New Democratic Party; and in the Second Round, five (5) minutes for each Party alternating between the government and the opposition parties. That when a Minister was in attendance in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten (10) minutes to the Liberal party, and in a second round five (5) minutes to each party alternating between the government and the opposition parties.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Bill Blaikie moved, — That witnesses be given (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated in the First Round, seven (7) minutes each for the Conservatives, Bloc Québécois, Liberals, New Democratic Party; and in the Second Round, five (5) minutes for each Party in the same order"; and That when a Minister is in attendance in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten (10) minutes to the Liberal party, and in a second round five (5) minutes to each party alternating between the government and the opposition parties.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor

General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

On motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the evidence taken by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs in relation to its STUDY ON CANADA-UNITED STATES DEFENCE COOPERATION AND ON OTHER RELATED ISSUES during the Second Session of the present Parliament, be deemed adduced by the Committee in the current session.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That the First report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Chair convey to the Government Whip the motion of Mr. Blaikie, agreed to February 19, 2004, concerning the Parliamentary Secretary.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to invite the Minister of National Defence to appear before the Committee on two occasions, if possible at televised meetings .

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be asked to distribute copies of a report the Committee prepared in June 2000 on missile defence.

It was agreed, — That the Committee continue its study from the previous session on Canada - United States defence cooperation and other related issues.

At 4:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/02/26 2:14 p.m.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 26, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to Committee business

Study of Canada – United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

James R. Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Portfolio: Global and Security Policy.

Department of National Defence:

Lieutenant-General George Macdonald, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff.



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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Cheryl Gallant, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, David Price and Jane Stewart.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Paul Chapin, Director General, International Security Bureau; James R. Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Portfolio: Global and Security Policy. *Department of National Defence:* LGen George Macdonald, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff; MGen Pierre Daigle, Special Advisor to the CDS (Homeland Security Issues).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair asked the Clerk to schedule a meeting with the Minister of National Defence for the Committee March 23, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and a motion agreed to on February 24, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Canada - United States Defence Cooperation and other related issues.

Mr. James Wright made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/08 10:48 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 11, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10 and 15 under Veterans Affairs;

Briefing session on the preparations for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McCallum, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Keith Hillier Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister;



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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 11, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Janko Peric, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric and Hon. David Price.

Acting Members present: Gilles-A. Perron for Louis Plamondon.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McCallum, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Jack Stagg, Deputy Minister; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Robert Mercer, Executive Director, Public Affairs Branch. *Veterans Review & Appeal Board:* Victor Marchand, Chair. John O'Reilly, M.P., Assistant to the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 10 and 15 under Veterans Affairs referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the preparations for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

John O'Reilly, M.P., Assistant to the Minister, made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/12 9:20 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons, Chapter 10, Other Audit Observations, November 2003.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Wendy Loschiuk, Principal;

Jocelyne Therrien, Director.

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, March 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Cheryl Gallant, Lawrence O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Brian O'Reilly, Janko Peric and Bob Wood.

Guest Members present: Peter Stoffer for Bill Blaikie.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal; Jocelyne Therrien, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons, Chapter 10, Other Audit Observations, November 2003.

The Auditor General and members of her staff made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/26 10:44 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on the Communications Security Establishment.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Murray Calder,
Rick Casson,
Cheryl Gallant,
Pat O'Brien,
John O'Reilly,
Janko Peric,
Hon. David Price,
Hon. Jane Stewart
and Bob Wood.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elsie Wayne for Jay Hill.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Keith Coulter, Chief, Communications Security Establishment;

Michael Devaney, Deputy Chief, Information Technology
Systems;

Madeleine Finner, Director General, Policy and Communications;

Barbara Gibbons, Deputy Chief, Corporate Services.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, at the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Cheryl Gallant, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Janko Jelic, Hon. David Price, Hon. Jane Stewart and Bob Wood.

Guest Members present: Elsie Wayne for Jay Hill.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Keith Coulter, Chief, Communications Security Establishment; Michael J. Evans, Deputy Chief, Information Technology Systems; Madeleine Finner, Director General, Policy and Communications; Barbara Gibbons, Deputy Chief, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Communications Security Establishment.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/01 9:46 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, April 1, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under National Defence referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT

Claude Bachand
Murray Calder
Cheryl Gallant
Jay Hill
Pat O'Brien
Janko Peric
Hon. David Price
Bob Wood

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Alexa McDonough for Bill Blaikie
Alan Tonks for Robert Bertrand
and Elsie Wayne for Rob Anders

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. David Pratt, Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Hélène Gosselin, Acting Deputy Minister;

Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff;

Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, April 1, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, Janko Peric, Hon. David Price and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Alexa McDonough for Bill Blaikie, Alan Tonks for Robert Bertrand and Elsie Wayne for Rob Anders.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. David Pratt, Minister of National Defence.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Hélène Gosselin, Acting Deputy Minister; Gen Raymond R. Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff; Alan Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 under National Defence referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded *in camera* to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Janko Peric, it was agreed, — That the Second report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the motion on Quorum to receive evidence should be amended so that the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members be present and at least one member from the Opposition.

It was agreed, — That the motion concerning time for questioning of witnesses should be amended to reflect the agreement between all members that during the five (5) minute round of questioning, the Chair alternate between opposition members and government members.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/02 2:59 p.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session by the Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand
Hon. Bill Blaikie
Murray Calder
Cheryl Gallant
Jay Hill
Pat O'Brien
John O'Reilly
Janko Peric
Hon. David Price
Bob Wood

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Elsie Wayne for Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Communication Security Establishment Commissioner:
The Right Honourable Antonio Lamer, Commissioner;
Joanne Weeks, Executive Director.

The Right Honourable Antonio Lamer made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, Hon. David Price and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Elsie Wayne for Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session by the Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment.

The Right Honorable Antonio Lamer made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/21 9:37 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, April 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Land Forces Reserve Restructuring.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Murray Calder,
Cheryl Gallant,
Pat O'Brien,
John O'Reilly
and Janko Peric.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:
MGen Edward Fitch, Project Manager, Land Force Reserve
Restructuring;
Col Eric Meisner, Acting Project Director, Land Forces Reserve
Restructuring.

MGen Fitch made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, April 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Vice-Chair, Janko Peric, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Cheryl Gallant, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly and Janko Peric.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: MGen Edward Fitch, Project Manager, Land Force Reserve Restructuring; Col Eric Meisner, Acting Project Director, Land Forces Reserve Restructuring.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Land Forces Reserve Restructuring.

MGen Fitch made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/30 9:53 a.m.

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Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session by the Director of the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Murray Calder
Jay Hill
Pat O'Brien
John O'Reilly
Janko Peric
Hon. David Price
Bob Wood

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Elsie Wayne for Rob Anders

IN ATTENDANCE:

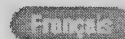
Library of Parliament:
Wolf Koerner, Analyst;
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa:
Mr. Anton Thalmann, Ambassador.

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces:
Dr. Theodor H. Winkler, Ambassador and Director.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Murray Calder, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, Hon. David Price and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Elsie Wayne for Rob Anders.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa: Ambassador Anton Thalmann. *Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces:* Ambassador Theodor Winkler, Director.

At 3:30 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee to give a briefing on the preparation for the D-Day Celebrations, Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

It was agreed, — That representatives from the Canadian Council of Chief Executives be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

At 3:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:52 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session by the Director of the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/29 9:26 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 29, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Afghanistan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rob Anders,
Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Murray Calder,
Jay Hill,
Pat O'Brien,
John O'Reilly
and Hon. David Price.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Elsie Wayne for Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

MGen Leslie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 29, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly and Hon. David Price.

Acting Members present: Elsie Wayne for Rick Casson.

in attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Afghanistan.

Mr. Gen Leslie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/30 10:08 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Pat O'Brien.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on the preparations for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rob Anders,
Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Murray Calder,
Rick Casson,
Jay Hill,
Pat O'Brien,
John O'Reilly
and Janko Peric.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elsie Wayne for Cheryl Gallant.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;
Doug Clorey, Director General, 60th Anniversary Task Force;
Robert Mercer, Executive Director, Public Affairs Branch.

Verna Bruce made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly and Janko Peric.

Guest Members present: Elsie Wayne for Cheryl Gallant.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Doug Clorey, Director General, 60th Anniversary Task Force; Robert Mercer, Executive Director, Public Affairs Branch.

The Committee ask the Clerk to arrange a briefing with representatives of the Department of National Defence concerning Housing and to have the meeting televised.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the preparations for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Verna Bruce made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/06 8:38 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Mr. Pat O'Brien, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session from the Canadian Forces Housing Agency.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rob Anders,
Claude Bachand,
Murray Calder,
Cheryl Gallant,
Jay Hill,
Pat O'Brien,
John O'Reilly,
Janko Peric,
Hon. David Price
and Bob Wood.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Elsie Wayne for Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

Olga Massicotte, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Forces
Housing Agency;
Claude Rochette, Director General, Compensation and Benefits;
Denys Guérin, Director, Quality of Life.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Pat O'Brien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Anders, Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Cheryl Gallant, Jay Hill, Pat O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Janko Peric, Hon. David Price and Bob Wood.

Acting Members present: Elsie Wayne for Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Olga Massicotte, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Forces Housing Agency; Claude Rochette, Director General, Compensation and Benefits; Denys Guérin, Director, Quality of Life.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session from the Canadian Forces Housing Agency.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/12 3:36 p.m.

